

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

May 2010

Open Order Items for SY 10-11

DESE – SFS has posted a [listing](#) of the anticipated USDA Donated Foods to be offered via Open Order during School Year (SY) 2010 – 2011 on the [DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#). The list is a 10 page PDF document which begins with the beginning inventory already in the state contracted warehouse which will be carried over from SY 09-10 and available for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to order.

The next 9 pages are the anticipated Open Order Items to be delivered during the month noted on the top of each chart. If all of the requests are filled as



submitted to USDA, then the items listed for each month will be offered on the Open Order form due the month preceding (Example: Items listed on August, page 2, will be on the July Open Order Form due July 15.) Also listed on each Open Order form will be any carryover inventory from the beginning inventory as well as any items which were not completely depleted the prior month. (Example: On the August chart, A210, oven potatoes, shows an anticipated incoming quantity of 7,920. If orders are only received for 5,000 to be delivered in August, then A210 will be offered again on the August Open Order for September delivery and there will be 2,920 remaining to be delivered in September.)

The quantities listed in the chart are the total amount to be received in the state contracted warehouse and available to **ALL** LEAs. Should orders be received by DESE – SFS for more than the quantity in inventory, then DESE – SFS will adjust orders based on a fair share percentage of the orders received. (Example: In August the quantity of B027, shredded cheddar

cheese, is 2,560. If DESE – SFS receives orders for 5,000 cases, then each LEA ordering B027 will receive approximately 51% (2,560/5,000) of their original order.) LEAs ordering 1 case will receive 1 case even if orders have to be adjusted and all LEAs ordering an Open Order Item should receive at least a portion of their original order (in most instances).

Each chart is color coordinated to differentiate between fruits/vegetables (green), meat/meat alternates (red), grains (brown), beans (orange) and miscellaneous (blue). Also each commodity code is hyperlinked to the USDA Commodity Fact Sheet.

More items are being offered via Open Order for SY 10-11 to give LEAs the opportunity to order items useful in each LEAs operation rather than “prorating” many items to all LEAs. This means **LEAs will have to order items and will no longer receive “prorated commodities”**. The only 4 exceptions which will be “prorated” and not ordered are A608 (ground beef), A515 (cut-up chicken), A346 (frozen slice apples) and B065 (sliced cheese). A608, A515 and A346 were decided by each LEA via their Processing Packet; therefore, if your LEA processed all of the beef, chicken and apples allocated to your LEA, you will not receive these items. B065 was ordered too far in advance to change and is planned to still be “prorated” to each LEA participating in the Donated Food (DF) Program.

DESE – SFS strongly encourages each LEA to look at the list to help plan menus during SY 10-11. Please contact Matthew Essner, 573-522-1974 or matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov if you have any questions regarding the Open Order chart.

Preparation is the key to success!

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Monthly Order Forms

SY 10-11 Order Forms for Monthly Processed Items will be available on the [DESE – SFS, Monthly Order Forms Web Site](#) by June 1, 2010. Monthly Processed Items must be ordered 2 months prior to the delivery month (Example: Orders are due June 15, 2010 for delivery in August 2010.) The first Open Order for SY 10-11 will be available by July 1, 2010, and will be due by July 15, 2010, for delivery in August 2010.

All Monthly Order Forms are fillable PDF documents which must be filled out, saved and E-mailed to DESE – SFS @ webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov. All Monthly Order Forms can be accessed via any computer with Internet access and can be E-mailed to DESE – SFS from any authorized LEA personnel's E-mail account (this means you can complete your orders from home if you will not be in the office over the summer months but will need USDA Donated Foods for the beginning of SY 10-11.)



Thank You....for Complaining😊

It's not often you will hear 'Thank You' for complaining, but DESE – SFS would like to thank all the LEAs who contacted our office with complaints about the A243 Spaghetti Sauce which was received in the fall of SY 09-10. After so many complaints were received, DESE – SFS submitted complaints to USDA for all 10

 trucks of A243 received in the state of MO. DESE - SFS was contacted by USDA after submitting all of the complaints for feedback and what to improve in the future. In the recent Commodity Key newsletter from the American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA), the director of USDA, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) stated "In response to numerous complaints citing bland taste and pale orange or pink color in salsa and spaghetti sauce, we have modified specifications for those products." These changes in specifications should improve future products received.

Please continue to keep DESE – SFS abreast of any issues with the USDA DF Program or any items received. DESE – SFS strives to provide LEAs with the tools and products they need to produce nutritional and economical meals for the students of Missouri. Let us know if there is anything we can do to create a better USDA DF experience.

NO Pork Crumbles (A720)

DESE – SFS was excited about the opportunity to offer **BONUS** Pork Crumbles for August and September delivery; however, notification was received from USDA on April 14, stating the Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS, one of the purchasing agents for USDA) issued invitations for bids but all offers were rejected and will not be re-announced. Therefore, no **BONUS** Pork Crumbles will be available at this time for SY 10-11. DESE – SFS will keep LEAs up-to-date if future opportunities arise.

12% Provision for Commodities

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, Section 6, requires a minimum of twelve percent (12%) of the assistance for the National School Lunch Program must come in the form of commodities. For SY 09-10,

 Need more turkey?
increasing each states entitlement for SY 10-11 to make up for the shortfall. DESE – SFS plans to purchase additional brown-box (non-processed) USDA DFs and is also offering LEAs the ability to purchase ADDITIONAL processed turkey items.

Jennie-O Turkey Store is currently the only turkey processor for the State of MO, and is willing to provide ADDITIONAL items to MO LEAs for SY 10-11. Information regarding the [ADDITIONAL turkey items](#) can be found on the [DESE – SFS, Commodities Web Site](#). Orders are due by May 17, 2010.

Quotes for the Month

"Someday is not a day of the week" – Denise Brennan-Nelson

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." – Oprah Winfrey

"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching." And "Ain't no man can avoid being born average, but there ain't no man got to be common." – Satchel Paige